

MAY, 2011

TAMTA NEWSLETTER

Tulsa Accredited Music Teachers Association



MAY PROGRAM

Spindler-Lynch Piano Award and TAMTA Scholarship Recipients in Performance

Spindler-Lynch Piano Awards

Junior Division

First Place - Briana Liu (Gloria Johnson)
Second Place - Gabrielle Thng (Gloria Johnson)
Third Place - Lily Fears (Amy Cottinham)
Honor Award - Hannah Gray (Vicki Walker)
Finalists - Caleb Holleman (Barbi Cottingham)
Tori Patrock (Vicki Walker)
Caron Song (Gloria Johnson)

Senior Division

First Place - Richard Hwang (Gloria Johnson)
Second Place - Carissa Ford (Mary Hawthorne)
Third Place - Sam Westhoff (Barbi Cottingham)
Honor Award - Erica Smith (Margie Berman)
Finalists - Elise Collingsworth (B. Cottingham)
Vivian Huynh (Gloria Johnson)
Mitsuru Natao (Young-Eun Chung)

Scholarship Recipients

There were three entries: one piano, one violin and one voice. Two piano students applied for the Summer Camp scholarship. Dr. Ed Gates, professor of piano at OU, was the judge. Auditions were held at Philbrook on May 7th.

The **Summer Camp Scholarship** was awarded to Yein Eom, a student of Inki Cho.

The **Laven Sowell Instrumental Award** (\$700.00) was awarded to Kathryn Hall, student of Barbi Cottingham.

The **TAMTA String Scholarship** (\$800.00) was awarded to Jessica Fellows, student of Esther Fellows.

The **Laven Sowell Vocal Award** (\$1200.00) was awarded to Brenna Caldwell, student of Sharon Yenzer.

Congratulations to students and teachers!

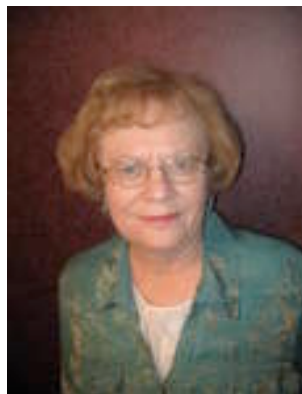
REMINDERS

DUES: Your MTNA, OMTA and TAMTA dues must be received by MTNA no later than June 30th (earlier is MUCH better) in order for you to be listed in the OMTA and TAMTA rosters and enter students in 2011-2012 auditions. It's easiest to pay on-line, but you may also pay by mail.

TAMTA Roster & Website (tamta.org)

If any of your information has changed, including e-mail address, certification status, phone number, address, etc. please notify Roster Chair, Janell Whitby. Web site updates can be made immediately by contacting Kathy Wilson (okathyw@sbcglobal.net).

Congratulations to Mary Hawthorne, TAMTA's 2011 CFO Fellow Award Recipient!



Mary began her college piano study at the University of Minnesota and continued to study music and education at the University of Wyoming where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Education. After moving to Tulsa in 1969 she continued to study piano and organ at the University of Tulsa. After her husband passed away in 1978, Mary began teaching piano. Her three children also studied piano with Lucille Gourley and continued with her for twenty years. Mary juggled teaching, school activities, auditions, recitals, band and orchestra concerts and sports, as well as being the organist for three different Methodist churches. In 1984 she affiliated with OMTA and TAMTA, completing her MTNA certification in 1997. She is a member of the National Piano Guild and has entered students for many years. She served as co-chair of the Hyechka Music Club Student Department for seven years. Mary has held many offices in TAMTA and is currently the Arrangements Chair. She is also the East District Member-at-Large on the OMTA State Board. Thank you, Mary, for all your hard work!

OMTA State Conference

June 4 - 5

Be sure to plan on coming to Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond for the OMTA State Conference. The deadline for pre-registration for the OMTA Conference is coming up fast! Registration forms were sent out in the last OMT, along with all the information about the conference. (If you would like the OMT re-sent to you, contact Kathy Wilson.) Forms need to be received by May 18th to take advantage of pre-registration rates and sign up for meals. If you miss the deadline, you can still register for the conference on site.

The conference presenters this year include Randall and Nancy Faber, and Randall Faber will be the concert artist, as well. Their sessions include "Fostering a Love of Music" and "Motivational Stages in Talent Development" and "Age-Appropriate Teaching", as well as a master class conducted by Randall Faber.

Student performances by winners of various OMTA competitions will also be featured, and are always a great treat to hear.

If you are a newer member or have found yourself confused about all the various OMTA auditions and competitions and membership requirements, please plan on attending the Saturday morning session "Unlocking the Mysteries of Auditions and Membership" presented by OMTA's VP for Auditions, Gloria Johnson and VP for Membership, Beverly Fitch.

Don't miss this opportunity!

TAMTA Proudly

Presents

Dr. Jane

McGrath

at the Fall Workshop

September 17, 2011

Saied Music,

9320 E. 71st Street

Mark your calendars!



What a wonderful way to kick off the start of the 2011-12 teaching year! Dr. McGrath is internationally known as an author, clinician and pianist. Her book, [The Pianist's Guide to Standard Teaching and Performance Literature](#), has become a classic reference work for pianists throughout the country. Currently, Dr. McGrath is Regent's Professor and holds the Grant Endowed Chair in Piano Pedagogy at the University of Oklahoma, where she was named Rothbaum Presidential Professor of Excellence in the Arts.

Registration for the workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. The morning sessions are "Fresh Classics: Motivating Students While Finding Meaning" and "Piano Teaching Literature: Outside the Box". The afternoon session is "Video Performances: The Intermediate Transfer Student". Student performances with the aid of a video will be discussed with potential solutions of typical, but not so easy to fix, technical problems. Lunch will be served in-between the morning and afternoon sessions. The workshop will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

TAMTA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 6th, 2011, Harweldon

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Barbi Cottingham. The minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Danny Calhoun, Treasurer, reported the following balances as of February 28th, 2011:

General Fund -	\$14,157.24
TAMTA Scholarship Fund -	\$9,737.58
Huff Scholarship Fund -	\$1,170.00
Gourley Scholarship Fund -	\$3,896.09
Laven Sowell Vocal Award -	\$25,473.72
Laven Sowell Instrumental Award -	\$12,444.00
Spindler-Lynch Piano Award -	\$14,198.29

He also moved that we raise the payment amount for the judge of the Spindler-Lynch Finals and Scholarship Auditions from \$120.00 to \$150.00. Motion passed. Danny would like to review some of TAMTA's financial policies this summer, as some of them need to be updated.

President Barbi Cottingham reported that Mary Hawthorne has been named as the 2011 CFO Fellow. She and the Board congratulated Mary.

District Achievement reports focused on a discussion on how TAMTA can better mentor its members so they are more comfortable taking leadership roles in the future. A record-keeping problem was also addressed and will result in the addition of a receipt stamp for the students' critique sheets and state cards. District Chairs will meet to discuss dates and other issues.

Barbi Cottingham reported that she will be chairing both the Junior Auditions and the TAMTA Festival, as long as she has data entry and scheduling help for the Festival. She will be scouting for judges for Jr. Auditions at the OMTA conference.

Kathy Wilson reminded the board that the newsletter deadline is one week prior to the General Meeting.

Esther Fellows will be the new Sonatina Competition Chair, provided scheduling issues can be resolved. In order to do that, the date would need to be set for January 28th, 2012, which is a little earlier than usual. The winners would perform on the February program instead of the March one. Barbi mentioned that the Sonatina Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to address some issues with leveling the repertoire.

Joan Tedrow, Librarian, will not be continuing next year. She has done a wonderful job with TAMTA's library for many years and the Board gratefully acknowledged her hard work and service. Barbi Cottingham will be looking for someone to fill this position.

Sandy Pierce, Workshop Chair, has contacted Jennifer Linn about our 2012 workshop. If details can be worked out, she will be happy to come to Tulsa. Jane McGrath will be our workshop presenter for 2011 and Sharon Yenser will be working on publicity over the summer for that event.

Mary Hawthorne, Arrangements Chair, reported that our menu for the May meeting will feature chicken salad. She will check to see if the piano needs tuning prior to the meeting.

Barbi Cottingham announced possible dates of June 11th or 18th for the gathering of TAMTA Board members with newer or Affiliate TAMTA members who might have questions about TAMTA auditions, competitions, or membership. This gathering will be hosted by Barbi at her home.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Fellows
TAMTA Recording Secretary